

REMARKS

Reconsideration of the rejection of claims 1-13, 22 and 27 as anticipated by De Capua et al. (Pub. 0112757) under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) is requested. Attached hereto is a declaration under 37 C.F.R. 1.131 anteceding the De Capua et al. 35 U.S.C. 102(e) date, effectively nullifying De Capua et al. as prior 35 U.S.C. 102 prior art. Accordingly, reconsideration of this rejection is requested.

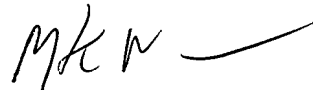
Reconsideration of the obviousness-type double patenting rejection of claims 1-13, 22 and 27 over Serial No. 10/079,163 is requested in view of the attached terminal disclaimer.

The objected to status of claims 14-15 and the allowance of claims 16-21, 23-26 and 28-34 is noted.

In view of the above, the application is now in condition for allowance and such is promptly requested.

It is respectfully requested, if necessary to effect a timely response, that this paper be considered as a Petition for an Extension of Time sufficient to effect a timely response and shortages and other fees be charged, or any overpayment in fees be credited, to the Account of Barnes & Thornburg, Deposit Account No. 10-0435 (3177-69461).

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